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OUR CITY GOVERNMENT.
As the primary election draws near it is interesting to take a look at the form of government we have in South Bend. Some cities at this time have to face an enormous list of offices to be filled, a list so long that no citizen can possibly choose with discrimination among the candidates.

The short ballot movement is a growing one. Its purpose is to urge the election of but few officers, give them large duties—and large responsibilities, to hold them strictly accountable for the acts of all the other officers of the city who are appointed by them.

This is the system used in every business house, to choose a few executives who are held accountable for the work of all the men they hire.

South Bend is well advanced in this progressive movement.

Our people at the present election choose but one executive officer, one judicial officer, one clerical officer and four legislative officers. Each voter is to select three men among the candidates at large for council and votes not on the full list of candidates for ward councilmen, but only for one of the candidates in his own ward, with whom he is presumed to be, and usually is, personally acquainted.

In the man we select as mayor lies the responsibility of selecting a city controller to watch the city's finances, a city attorney to conduct the city's legal activities, a board of public works and a city engineer, to one board to plan city improvements, the official to carry them out. He selects a board of public safety to look after police and fire protection, and appoints a chief of police and the fire chief. He names the board to look after schools and libraries. He names the park board.

With the power to appoint goes the power to remove unwise appointments if made. If any incompetency develops, the mayor is empowered to correct it at once. He is the responsible head of the city government, to him may be carried complaints of difficulties in any department, and he has the power to adjust them.

He is given wide authority and with him in the final analysis lies the character of the city's administration.

We are fortunate that we do not have to elect all these minor officials, to have to sift out the good and bad, the capable and incapable among a score, or three score unknown and clamorous aspirants.

Likewise the form of government that we have entails a deeper responsibility on the voter. He must choose his mayor well. For the mayor is the keystone of the entire arch. If he is weak or incompetent, his weakness and incompetency will be reflected through every branch of the government.

We must choose well Wednesday.

STRINGENCY FORESTALLED.

If it is as available as well as a stable currency the country wants, Sec. McAdoo will have quite completely supplied one of the provisions of the proposed banking and currency bill in advance of its enactment.

Fifty millions of dollars of government money are to be placed at the disposal of the great crop growing sections, the south and west, to meet the emergency of moving their products to market. This crop moving period is a critical time with the farmer. He must have ready money to pay the expense of harvesting, threshing, storing and marketing his product. The emergency creates a demand upon the banks which they are not always prepared to meet, and at times serious losses result.

Sec. McAdoo has taken the bull by the horns by arranging to distribute a large sum of money over the states needing it, apportioning the amount according to the requirements of each and making the funds available through two or three of the business centers of each state. The plan adopted by the secretary of the treasury promises to be more effective than those heretofore resorted to for relieving the financial pressure at crop moving time.

The propensity of the present administration to establish new precedents is observable in Sec. McAdoo's action. He has given commercial paper a new place and dignity in the financial world by making it acceptable by the government as security and thereby greatly broadening its availability and usefulness. It brings the individual into recognition by the government as an integral part of the financial machinery by which the business of the country is operated.

Occasion has also been taken by the secretary to rebuke and counteract the effect of the attempt of New York bankers to depreciate the two per cent bonds held by banks to secure circulation for the purpose of defeating the currency bill. He announces that these bonds will be accepted at par as security for the fifty millions to be made available for crop removal. The government thus becomes a competitor of the New

The Chinese rebellion looks like a fizzer.

August is a dangerous fly month.

*** SEVEN MINUTE SERMON ***

*** ON THE GOLDEN TEXT ***

*** BY OUR OWN PREACHER ***

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August 3, 1913.

PRIDE AND HUMILITY.

I. Pride is foolishness. No man in his senses, if he will stop to think, will follow his reasoning, will ever be proud, for he will see that he has nothing to boast of. All we are, and all we have, are the results of causes outside of ourselves. No matter what a man's wealth, or ability, he is indebted to others and expects to God, for the great influence which his prominence enables him to wield. For example what were you one hundred years ago? No one then thought anything of you nor were you ever missed. What and where will you be one hundred years hence? Who will then miss you in this world? God brought us out of nothing into our present life and conditions, and we are his debtors for absolutely everything. How foolish therefore it is for a mortal to be proud! When he awakens from his delusion he will find himself greatly humbled in his own estimation, and every other influence which has helped to produce conditions for us as they are now, are the result of the love and care of others and leave us no room for boasting. Who is it that perpetuates our lives? Who keeps our heart beating? Who preserves us in health? Surely the answer to these questions should produce in us a sense of great humility, which in turn would bring a true exaltation.

II. Pride invites contempt. A proud man or woman is the most despicable creature under the sun. Pride is an attempt to deceive others and ourselves; we want to appear better than we are; richer, of greater ability, of a nobler ancestry, and in short, to impress folks that we are of much importance in this world, and like a proud peacock, we spread our feathers, lift high our heads, in expectation of the admiration of our fellow men. Instead of this, almost without exception, the proud receive the contempt and scorn of their fellows, and thus by exalting themselves become woefully humbled. The rich man, in the parable, strutted about with great pride when he saw how wealthy he was and how plentifully his fields had produced. He said to himself, "I will build me a great barn and will store there the fruits of my land, and said to his soul, 'Soul, take these ease, eat, drink, and be merry.' But God said to him, 'Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee.' How contemptible men and women appear, who are what they are not, and who to do this live beyond their means, dress beyond their station, live in houses for which they cannot pay, or when they have houses paid for mortgage them to buy an automobile so they may appear to be as great swells as the rich who indulge in such luxuries. How infinitely better are those who are content with what they have, who live their own lives in a natural way and neither desire nor pretend to be anything other than they actually are!

III. Pride brings humiliation. The proud are always laughed at behind their backs, even when people speak smilingly to them to their faces, and they are always running up against some sort of humiliating obstacle. It is very humbling to them when they are not praised, or when they appear to be slighted, or when others are promoted over their heads, not to say ridiculed by honest people to their faces. It is rarely that a proud person is pleased with anybody or anything. He lives in an atmosphere of unreality, he expects too much and is always getting too little. There is not a day that he is not snubbed, humiliated in some way, and he lives in a chronic condition of misery and discontent. The strange part is, notwithstanding all his rebuffs and humiliations, they do not seem to hurt him in his attempt to deceive himself and others. He generally succeeds in deceiving himself but always fails to hoodwink others.

IV. Humility brings exaltation. To think of ourselves no more highly than we ought to think is real humility, but it tends to self respect, to quietness and contentment, and above all, it brings the approval of God. God hates the proud, but he respects the humble, and those that humble themselves he always exalts. When we honor our superiors we are always giving to them; when we are kind and courteous to our equals we never fail to be kind and courteous to us; when we are mindful of the rights of our inferiors, and treat them with the same consideration which we expect from our superiors, we never fail to have proper deference shown us by those who are beneath us, nor to get the respect of those who are above us. Realizing our own nothingness, and our entire dependence upon God and our fellows, we are able to utilize the kindness which comes from our fellow men and to take on the power which God always bestows upon those who put their trust fully in him.

*** LITTLE OLD NEW YORK ***

BY NORMAN

NEW YORK, Aug. 2.—A gray automobile darted through 43d st., turned north on 6th av. and eluded its pursuers.

At least a score of people saw the gray car start on its flight. Among them were several policemen. None of the policemen got the number of the car—at least none of them reporting it correctly to police headquarters. There was just one man who did have keenness of vision, presence of mind and courage to get the number of the car and report it to the police. This man was a vaudeville dancer. He was promptly locked up.

The police were quite at sea regarding the number of the car. They could not give it to Dist. Atty. Whitman, but Whitman, somehow heard of the man who had been locked up. He obtained the man's release and learned from him that the number of the car was 41313 N. Y.

As the result of the giving of that number to the district attorney by the only person who apparently could or would tell it, five men are awaiting death in Sing Sing prison—Police Lt. Chas. Becker, Gyp the Blood, Lefty Louis, Whitney Lewis and Dago Frank.

Seven other men, four of them for-

THE MELTING POT

The 800 year old turtle just added to the Central park zoo, New York, is probably contemporaneous with one we captured a number of years ago and carved the year 1290 A. D. on its back. We have been expecting every year that somebody would find that turtle and sell it to some museum as a natural curiosity.

We have no doubt turtles live to a great age. Scientists say they do and we have no reason to disbelieve it, but we have never understood why a turtle's tenure of life should be so prolonged, unless it is that it takes the animal so long to get anywhere.

GEORGE CRANE has the result of the badger fight all figured out.

SPEAKING of engines of death has anything got the little old one-lung motorcycle beat within the range of its possibilities?

NEWSPAPERS should be enjoined from dilating at length on extreme variations of the temperature. We are a temperamental and imaginative people, and the way the boys dish up that hot weather stuff makes a fellow fairly sizzle.

OF course, the followers of the newspaper weather reports have nothing to be compared with the fanaticism of the thermometer fan.

ONE thing about the friendship of Great Britain. We can always rely on it as long as it is to Great Britain's interest to have us do so. That blood is thicker than water, fiction has been exposed on numerous occasions.

HAVING not got along any further than we have in the matter of creation in control of our political

My Candidate for Mayor
BY ROBIN DUNBAR.

In the silly season, the business man's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of politics. He wonders who would make a better mayor than he, himself, and winds up by announcing his name as a candidate or by denouncing all those who announce theirs.

Strange as it may appear, I am not going to do the one or the other, so if you are looking for a rosette picture of my own personality or an ill-favored caricature of my rivals, please pass on to the pages of announcements at once and save your eyes. The print here is much finer than that. Besides this article has no cuts!

He would state his intention of doing all he could to raise the thinking powers of his fellow citizens. He would propose to issue referendums on public questions, whether before the house or not, such as these:

What books do you want added to the library? Do you favor a municipal art gallery? What pieces should be played at the park? Do you admire Strindberg more than you do Shaw? Shall we build a little theater for the production of realistic plays? Who shall manage it and shall give American, English, Scandinavian, French or German plays? How much would you pay towards the movement or shall we levy an assessment for its support? How large a license do you think a saloon owned by a brewery ought to pay? Also how much should a disorderly house contribute when it is owned by a pillar of society? Should we operate our own gas and electric light plants and run the street cars? What do you think of 50 cent gas, three cent fares? Are you willing to have your electric light bill cut in two? What is more important to the city—new factories or new schools. Do you want the bible taught your kids? Or Monism? Do you think children should be freed from conventionalty, superstition, religion and dollar-worship, or do you want their creative instincts stifled? Who is the better christian—the puritan

mer police inspectors, are convicts—serving sentences for grafting and conspiracy. A former police captain is dead of worry and remorse, following the exposure. Seven hundred policemen, tried and convicted, are counting the hours until the doors of the penitentiary shall close behind them.

Together, there have been sixteen convictions or pleas of guilty for murder, bribery, extortion and conspiracy, and at least six more convictions are regarded as probable. All as the outcome of the murder of Herman Rosenthal, gambler, by "the system," a year ago this month, "the system" being the grafting clique in the police force and its allies in the underworld.

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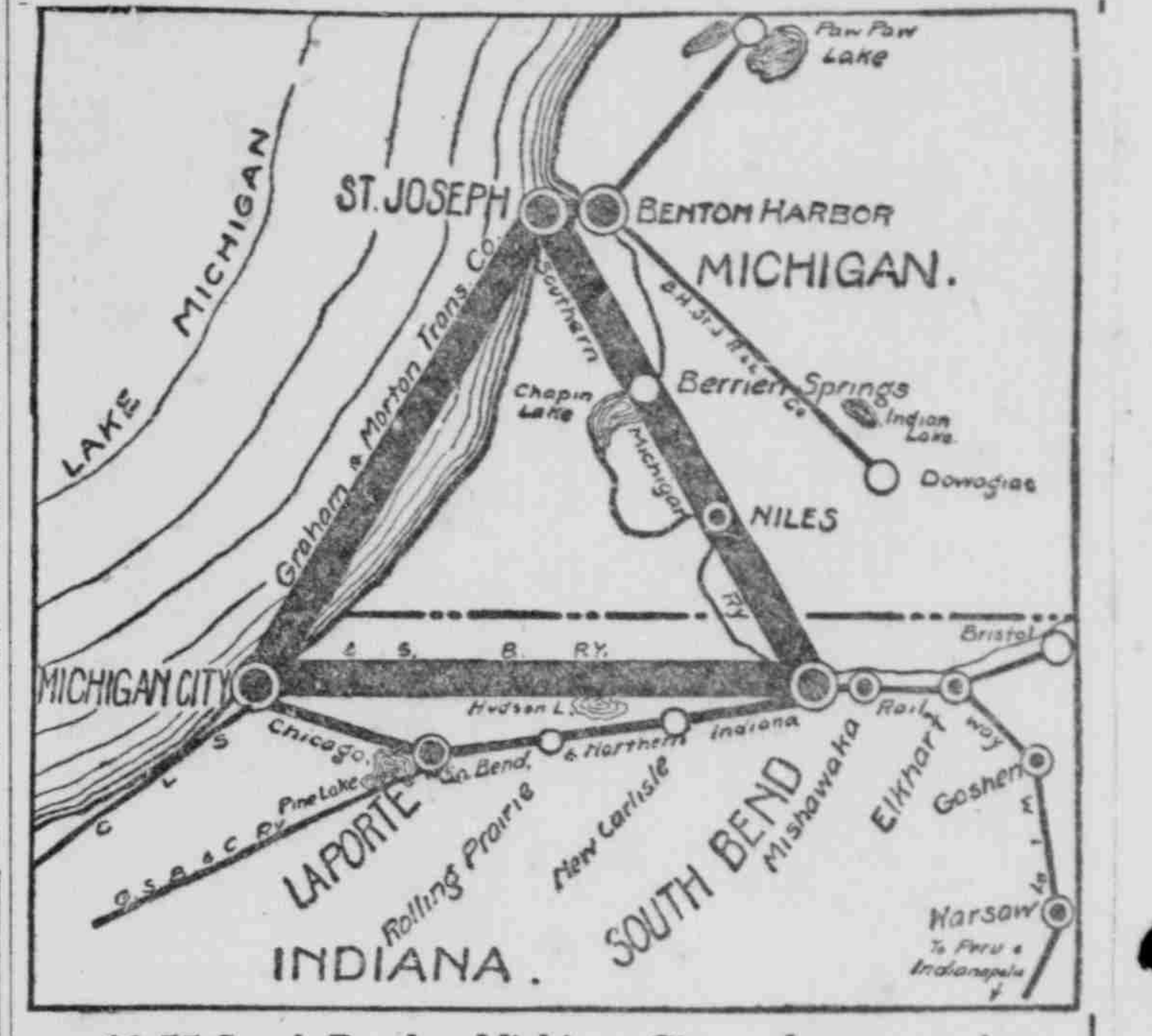
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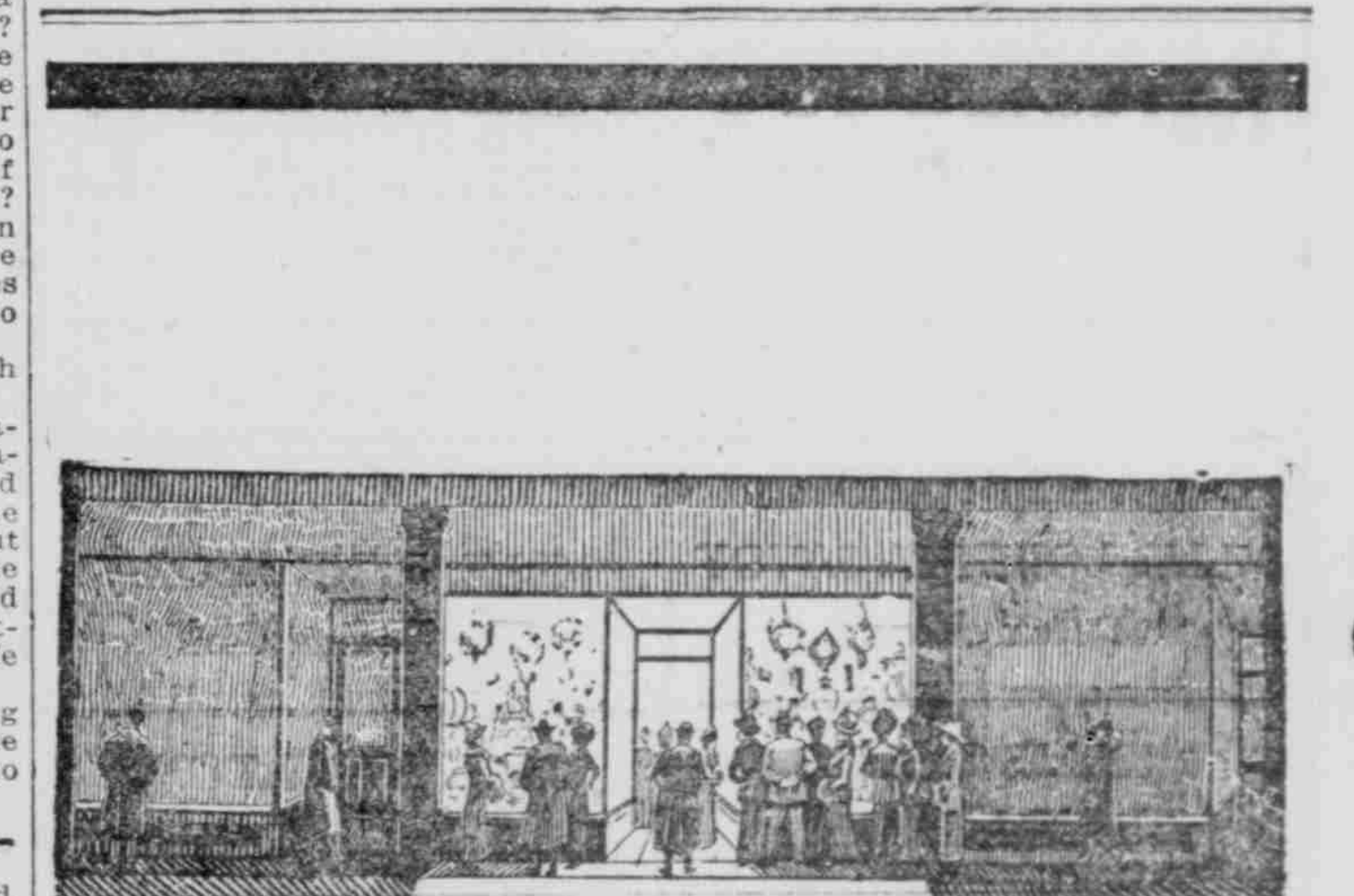
MRS. HENRY HUTT, the former wife of the well-known artist, as she appeared on the beach at Narangetti in her poke bonnet with roses, the latest fad introduced by her.

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